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1. SECRETARIAT HAS DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXPERTS' MEETING PLANNED FOR APRIL 28-29. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE SECRETARIAT'S "OUTLINE FOR AN INDEPTH STUDY ON NATURAL GAS", DOCUMENT IEA/SLT(77)66/IEA/SOM(77)25, DISTRIBUTED THE SAME DATE, AND BOTH DOCUMENTS WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE RAISED FACTUAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES. ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO ITS SUPPLEMENTATION WOULD BE WELCOME.

2. EXPERTS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SUCH AN INDEPTH DISCUSSION AND IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED IF IN SPITE OF THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME-SPAN, REPLIES IN WRITTEN FORM COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT BY THE TIME OF THIS MEETING.

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BEGIN TEXT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. RESERVES/PRODUCTION
(A) WHAT ARE YOUR ESTIMATES ON INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION IN 1985/1990?
(B) ON WHAT BASIS HAVE YOU CALCULATED THIS PRODUCTION AND WHICH POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL PARAMETERS HAVE BEEN

TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT?

(C) IF YOUR PROJECTIONS INCLUDE PRODUCTION FROM ANTICIPATED FUTURE DISCOVERIES, IDENTIFY SHARE OF THIS PRODUCTION AND ASSUMED FINDING RATE PROFILES. IF NOT, INDICATE LIKELY FINDING RATE PROFILES AND PRODUCTION THEREOF.

2. CONSUMPTION

WHAT IS THE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS YOU EXPECT FOR 1990 AND WHAT PERCENTAGE SHARE OF THE OVERALL ENERGY REQUIREMENTS WILL IT COVER?

3. IMPORTS

(A) WHICH IMPORTS DO YOU EXPECT FROM WHICH IEA SOURCES

-IN 1985

-IN 1990?

(B) WHAT WILL BE THE DURATION OF THESE CONTRACTS?

(C) THE SECRETARIAT PAPER GIVES A LIST OF IMPORT PROJECTS FROM NON-IEA SOURCES, CONCLUDED, UNDER NEGOTIATION AND PROBABLE. IS THIS LIST COMPLETE AND WHICH OF THE CONTRACTS UNDER NEGOTIATION OR PROBABLE DO YOU EXPECT TO MATERIALIZE IN ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

-BY 1985

-BY 1990?

(D) WHAT WILL BE THE MAIN OBSTACLES? DOES THE QUESTION OF TRANSIT PLAY A MAJOR ROLE?

(E) IN LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN UNDER (C), DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUMES TO MEET YOUR FORECAST DEMAND AND WHERE MIGHT THEY COME FROM?

(F) WHAT LEAD TIMES DO YOU ASSUME FOR NEW CONTRACTS?
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(G) WHAT LIMITS TO IMPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL SOURCES DO YOU SEE FROM A SUPPLY SECURITY AND DIVERSIFICATION POINT OF VIEW (BOTH UNDER TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS)?

4. EXPORTS

WHAT IS YOUR EXPORT POLICY AND WHAT VOLUMES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT BY

-1985

-1990?

5. PRICES

(A) HOW DO YOU SEE THE PRICE OF LNG AFFECTING THE QUANTITIES AVAILABLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL GAS TRADE?

(B) IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION GIVEN UNDER NO. 3, HOW WILL PRICES FOR IMPORTED GAS INFLUENCE YOUR NATIONAL GAS PRICE SYSTEM AND DO YOU ENVISAGE ANY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PHASE-IN OF THIS GAS?

(C) WHAT WILL BE YOUR POLICIES WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL NATURAL GAS PRICES? IF PRICE CONTROL OR REGULATION

EXISTS, WHAT IS THE RATIONALE BEHIND YOUR SYSTEM?

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AGAINST WHICH COMPETING FORM OF ENERGY SHOULD GAS PRICES
BE MEASURED? DO YOU INFLUENCE YOUR PRICES WITH REGARD
TO A SPECIFIC CONSUMPTION PATTERN?

6. CONSUMPTION PATTERN

(A) IN VIEW OF THE RESPONSES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS,
WHAT WILL BE THE LIKELY CONSUMPTION PATTERN BROKEN DOWN
BY SECTORS (INDUSTRY, ELECTRICITY GENERATION, COMMERCE,
DOMESTIC) IN:

-1985

-1990?

(B) DO YOU SEE POSSIBILITIES TO PHASE OUT GAS DELIVERIES
TO POWER PLANTS IN CONCURRENCE WITH GROWING DEMAND OF
OTHER SECTORS?

7. INFRASTRUCTURE

(A) WHAT ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE (TRANSPORT, TERMI-
NALS, STORAGE FACILITIES, DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS) WILL BE
NEEDED TO MEET 1985/1990 DEMAND?

(B) WHICH ARE THE LEADTIMES FOR SUCH PROJECTS AND WHICH
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CONSTRAINTS OTHER THAN FINANCIAL DO YOU SEE? WHICH MEASURES DO YOU ENVISAGE, IF ANY, TO PROMOTE THE TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE?

(C) WILL THIS INFRASTRUCTURE SUFFICE TO BALANCE THE DIVERGING TRENDS IN FUTURE SUPPLY-(HIGH LOAD FACTOR, HIGH MINIMUM PAY) AND DEMAND-(INCREASE OF THE COMMERCE AND DOMESTIC SECTOR WITH HIGH DEMAND PEAKS AND TROUGHS) FLEXIBILITY?

8. FINANCE

(A) WHICH INVESTMENT VOLUME DO YOU FORESEE FOR YOUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE SUPPLY NEEDED TO MEET FORECAST DEMAND (IF POSSIBLE BROKEN DOWN INTO SECTORS)? IN ASSESSING THIS FIGURE, WHAT CONTRIBUTION OF THE PRODUCING/EXPORTING COUNTRIES DO YOU ASSUME?

(B) DO YOU ASSUME THAT THIS INVESTMENT VOLUME CAN BE FINANCED BY YOUR NATIONAL OIL/GAS INDUSTRY? DOES YOUR COUNTRY ENVISAGE ANY FINANCIAL INCENTIVES OR ASSISTANCE TO ACHIEVE THESE TARGETS?

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